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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB: MANUFACTURES RESOLUTIONS

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1. SUMMARY: MEETING OF TDB PRESIDENT'S CONTACT GROUP
OCT. 20 RESULTED IN G-77 PROPOSING, AND GROUP AGREEING,
THAT ALL THREE DRAFT MANUFACTURES RESOLUTIONS BE REMITTED
TO NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES. NO
FURTHER ACTION ON THESE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IS EXPECTED
AT THIS MEETING OF TDB, ALTHOUGH G-77 MAY CRITICIZE
GROUP B "NEGATIVEISM" IN PLENARY. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING OF PRESIDENT'S CONTACT GROUP OPENED WITH
STATEMENT BY GROUP B CHAIRMAN THAT GROUP B WAS PREPARED
TO PROCEED ON BASIS OF G-77 DRAFT, AND HAD SOME AMENDMENTS
TO PROPOSE, IF G-77 SHARED SAME OBJECTIVE OF AGREEING
ON A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD INCORPORATE G-77 VIEWS ON
EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, AND SAFE-
GUARDS AND STANDSTILL AND WOULD THEREBY RESULT IN G-77

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WITHDRAWING ITS OLD PENDING RESOLUTIONS. G-77

RESPONDED THAT IT WAS ASTONISHED AT AUDACITY OF GROUP B IN ASKING THAT ITS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BE WITHDRAWN, AND NOTED THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE SINCE UNCTAD IV HAD REMANDED THESE RESOLUTIONS TO THE UNCTAD MACHINERY AND UNCTAD HAD CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY IN THESE AREAS.

3. FOLLOWING PROTRACTED DEBATE, GROUP B SPOKESMAN OUTLINED CHANGES GROUP B WOULD LIKE IN DRAFT RESOLUTION ALONG LINES DESCRIBED REFTEL. G-77 SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT THIS "EMASCULATION" OF G-77 RESOLUTION, AND AT THIS LATE DATE IN TDB, WAS UNABLE TO DEVOTE ENOUGH TIME TO ENGAGE IN DRAFTING NEGOTIATIONS, HENCE MOVED THAT ALL THREE PENDING DRAFT MANUFACTURES RESOLUTIONS BE SENT TO NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES. G-77 SPOKESMAN MOTED PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GROUP B TACTICS, WHICH WERE PREVENTING SUBMISSION OF LDC VIEWS TO THE MTN (BY OMITTING FROM GROUP B PROPOSAL G-77 PARA 2 WHICH WOULD HAVE TRANSMITTED LDC VIEWS TO THE GATT) AND RESERVED RIGHT TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN PLENARY.

4. G-77 ASKED STATUS OF PROPOSAL THAT NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES BE MOVED UP FROM JAN-FEB 1978, TO OCCUPY ONE OF TWO WEEKS CURRENTLY RESERVED FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, EIGHTH SESSION, 27 JUNE - 8 JULY 1977. GROUP B SPOKESMAN INDICATED GROUP B WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED TO CONSIDER THIS SCHEDULE CHANGE. CATTO

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